

## **Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, January 2, 1888, with transcript**

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Braddock House, Alexandria, Va. January 2nd, 1888. My darling Mabel:

It was very good of you to let me go. It was necessary my darling, for I have never been so excited in my life before — and I fear I shall go mad if I am not left alone now for a little while — with my thoughts.

I know I have struck upon a great idea — and cannot rest until I have worked out a few of the consequences — for I feel sure they will afford a complete explanation of the nature and cause of attractive force perfectly consistent with the conservation of energy.

Leave me alone — there's a darling — for a little while. Don't even telegraph me unless necessary. I will come back soon.

Your loving, Alec. Mrs. A. Graham Bell, 1336 19th Street, Washington, D. C.